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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application. The non-small entity fee has been calculated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) as follows:

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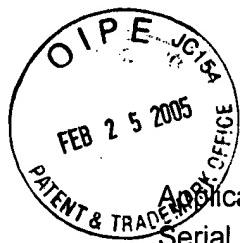
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Amendment – B

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 15 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 17 of this paper.